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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Grogan

SUBJECT : Billions Blunders and Baloney (Reference to CIA)

The following paragraphs appearing on pages 222 and 223 of Billions Blunders and Baloney by Eugene W. Castle (Published by the Devin-Adair Company, New York), are quoted for your information because of their mention of the Central Intelligence Agency:

"A third independent body, with agents operating throughout the world, is Central Intelligence Agency, which President Eisenhower inherited from the preceding administration. Formerly under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, CIA now enjoys a completely autonomous status, reporting only to the President. Even its budget is exempt from Congressional approval and review, and is allotted by the President from special funds.

"In Europe and other overseas posts, American Ambassadors face the difficult task of working with representatives from all three of these powerful independent agencies, none of them subject to State Department discipline or direct control. Each, by his very functions, is continually making impact upon the execution of American policy abroad. He is interpreting that policy to foreigners. But he works on lines of authority which constantly bypass the State Department, and its Ambassador. If the FOA or USIA or CIA representative is cooperative and a "team" man, no serious differences of policy will usually arise between himself and the Ambassador. But it is the officious, self-important ass, clothed for the first time in his dreary life with governmental authority, who makes trouble for the State Department."

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